

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims 1-3 and 5 for those presently pending in the application.

SUB (21)

1. (Amended) A method for producing a compressed video bitstream that includes compressed video data for a plurality of frames from data that specifies a single still image, the method comprising the steps of:
- 5     fetching the data for the still image;  
      encoding the data for the still image into data for an intra ("I") frame;  
      storing the encoded I frame data;  
      assembling the compressed video bitstream by appropriately  
10    combining data for:  
      at least a single copy of the stored I frame;  
      at least one null frame; and  
      various headers required for decodability of the  
      compressed video bitstream;
- 15    whereby decoding of the compressed video bitstream produces frames of video which produce images that do not appear to pulse visually.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
the assembled compressed video bitstream is decodable in accordance with the MPEG-1 standard; and

the various headers assembled into the compressed video  
5 bitstream include:

a sequence\_header beginning the compressed video  
bitstream;  
at a beginning of group of pictures, a group\_start\_code;  
for each encoded frame, a picture\_start\_code; and  
10 a sequence\_end\_code ending the compressed video  
bitstream.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
the assembled compressed video bitstream is decodable in  
accordance with the MPEG-2 standard; and

the various headers assembled into the compressed video  
5 bitstream include:

a sequence\_header beginning the compressed video  
bitstream;  
for each encoded frame:  
a picture\_header; and  
10 a picture\_coding\_extension; and  
a sequence\_end\_code ending the compressed video  
bitstream.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein null frames  
assembled into the compressed video bitstream also include  
bitstream stuffing whereby the compressed video bitstream is  
transmittable at a pre-established bitrate.

5 Please add the following new claims 6 and 7 to those presently pending in the application.

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6. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the various headers assembled into the compressed video bitstream include:

a sequence\_header beginning the compressed video bitstream;

5 at a beginning of group of pictures, a group\_start\_code; for each encoded frame, a picture\_start\_code; and

a sequence\_end\_code ending the compressed video bitstream.

A3 7. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the various headers assembled into the compressed video bitstream include:

a sequence\_header beginning the compressed video bitstream;

5 for each encoded frame:

a picture\_header; and

a picture\_coding\_extension; and

a sequence\_end\_code ending the compressed video bitstream.

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